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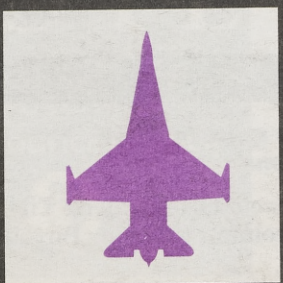
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Sports leader retires

Dear Editor:

After 21 years of promoting, organizing and coaching gay sports in our community, I feel that it is time to pass the torch on to a new generation. Gay sports is an important part of our community because it embodies the spirit of gay pride. It has been my long time goal and belief that sports will help break the stereotype image of what gay men and women are perceived.

Sacramento gay sports has always been frontrunners. We are the first to organize international tournaments, with activists that help to organize the Gay Games. It is those individuals that I wish to thank: all of the players who played on our community's championship softball teams:

Bobby Solomon, Norm Forwein, Mark Harrison, Anna Harrison, Mike Newman, David and Mike Jimenez, Mike Miller, Rick Torres, Greg Rasberry, Stu Wilson, Greg Newman, Paul Shephard, Stan Carlson, Vic Langton, Emperor Paul, the SAGA Coordinators and Don Souza. Most importantly, the sponsors, Emerson Propp, Dale Bentley, Paul Fitzgerald, Frank Holt, Joseph, Bobbette, Terry Sidie, Paul Davis, and especially Jim Gawronski.

Stop in the Wreck Room and look over the sports history of our community and feel proud that we have a great history and that you can build on this tradition. Sacramento is respected throughout the country for our great sports individuals. I can only say that I enjoyed being your coach and I sincerely hope that I served our community well. Keep the tradition alive and most of all have fun.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Coke

P.S.: thank you Linda for your sport support and being a community leader. Together we had fun and our differences, but, we always worked for a better tomorrow. It is really too bad that our community doesn't appreciate the great contributions made by our leaders. Our focus seems to be on the political agenda. Without this support we have no community base to function and reason to get involved. You know how different it has been when I was the only person out there, yet, look how far we have come; there is great pride and thrust for direction, but, few know who to turn to.

Thank you,
Paul

Gay rodeo boycotts

Dear Editor:

If we can boycott Colorado because of lesbian/gay discrimination, then surely we can boycott rodeos because of animal discrimination.

Despite the reported loss of \$35,000 at last year's San Francisco Gay Rodeo, the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association/Bay Area Chapter (GSGRA/BAC) plans to repeat this unfortunate event on May 21-23, 1993 at the Cow Palace.

What a terrible irony that such an abusive and exploitative activity should take place in a city named for Saint Francis, patron saint of animals! And by a group of people who should know better, considering our own history of oppression.

I agree with Sally Gearhart: The GSGRA/BAC should disband as an organization.

Every major animal welfare/rights organization is opposed to the inherent cruelty of rodeos: the SPCA, The Fund for Animals, In Defense of Animals, the Humane Farming Association, Feminists for Animal Rights, et al. animals have died on the Gay Rodeo circuit. Even when not injured, they suffer from pain, fear, and constant stress. The human participants, at least, have a choice in the matter — the nonconsenting animals do not.

A wonderful alternative to the gay rodeo already exists. The GSGRA/BAC sponsored a "Human Rodeo" in San Jose last year, with tricycles, bucking barrels and various mechanical contraptions.

Isn't this the kind of compassionate, life-affirming entertainment that we as a caring community should be supporting? We might even raise some real monies for worthwhile charities in the process.

Concerned members of the lesbian/gay community should contact the GSGRA/BAC at Box 14398, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 985-5200; and/or ACTION FOR ANIMALS, Box 20184, Oakland, CA 94620, (510) 652-5603.

Sincerely,
Eric Mills
Coordinator,
ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Endorses Jean Shaw-Connelly

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed to

read about RCDC's endorsement of Debra Ortiz for the 5th District City Council race. What a slap in the face to one of our community's biggest supporters, former-Mayor Anne Rudin, Jean Shaw-Connelly's Campaign Chairperson.

I've heard that in her capacity as a member of the Democratic Central Committee, Ortiz has made some promises to RCDC and specifically its co-chair who is serving as a member of her campaign staff. Sounds like a political deal — exchanging favors for endorsements — and "business as usual."

What the city needs, and what our community needs, is an advocate who will lay their cards on the table and fight for our issues, not get involved in "back-room" deals. I agree with Mayor Rudin, and the majority of our community who live in the 5th District, that Jean Shaw-Connelly is clearly the best person for the job.

Connelly has demonstrated that she'll do more than play "lip service" to our community once elected. She is one of the very few in the local clergy (she's a Presbyterian minister) who have performed holy unions for gay and lesbian couples. And she has said she will immediately, upon election, push an ordinance restricting city expenditures in Colorado in protest of that state's Amendment 2.

I hope that others who live in the 5th District will join me in voting for Jean Shaw-Connelly for City Council.

Sincerely,
Dominic Barajas

Jean Shaw-Connelly for city council

Dear Editor:

On March 2nd, voters in the 5th District in the City of Sacramento will have the opportunity to send a new councilmember to City Hall. As a resident of the 5th District, it will be a pleasure to cast a vote for Jean Shaw-Connelly. Jean is a tireless community activist, having founded the Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch, and currently serving as president of the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Those active on the political scene in the gay community know that Jean is the best candidate to represent our views and concerns. Jean, a Presbyterian minister, is one of only a few ministers locally to officiate at holy unions for lesbian and gay couples. Along with her husband, Superior Court Judge Lloyd Connelly, she has attended each CAP PAC annual dinner since its inception.

At a recent neighborhood candidates' forum, Jean announced that one of the first ordinances she intends to introduce once elected, would

forbid the city to make any expenditure for city personnel traveling to the state of Colorado on city business. In her words: "We must send a message to the people of Colorado that discrimination will not be tolerated and Amendment 2 must be repealed."

Jean Shaw-Connelly not only understands our issues and concerns, but will fight on our behalf. I urge all residents of the 5th District to join me in supporting the best candidate for City Council, Jean Shaw-Connelly.

Sincerely,
Ted Ross

No on feet stomping

Dear Editor:

As we approach the day that President Clinton will sign the Executive Order barring discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military, I want to thank our community for its support in making this possible.

There are many who can not share in our joy ... those who killed themselves rather than undergo the humiliation and disgrace the military establishment inflicted on them and their families. The banishment of D.O.D. 1332.14 is just a beginning of what must be done. Twin Spirit V.A. calls for the repeal of *all less than honorable discharges*, and the restoration of benefits, and for those who were thrown out because of sexual orientation and/or consenting sexual acts.

Yes, there's must more in the signing of this Executive Order. There is a difference between "change" and "action" ... and we should work for lasting change. This takes time, dialogue and, sometimes, compromise. Stomping our feet and demanding concessions has doubtful benefits. Take well the lessons learned from the Civil Rights Movement.

As I step down from the leadership of TSVA, I request that you give your full support to our new First Officer, Joan Lewis, as we continue our goal of equal rights and liberation for all.

Sincerely,
Lynn Strawbridge
Twin Spirits Veterans' Assoc.
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Don't change name

Dear Editor:

There are still people who are realizing they are gay, lesbian or bi-sexual. I am one of them. The name of your paper is very much a part of my life. I choose not to tell my parents at this time. And when I do, I will say, "Mom, guess what? I'm a lesbian."

Please, please do not change your name.

Sincerely,
Name withheld

CORRECTIONS

MGW Newspaper will use this space to make corrections and/or clarifications.

In our January 1, 1993 issue, we omitted Valerie Tibbetts Happy Birthday in the Flash column ... Happy Birthday, Val!!!▼

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Shaw-Connelly for District 5

In the District 5 City Council race, several very qualified candidates who are supportive of gay/lesbian

issues will be on the March 2 ballot to fill the seat formerly held by Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. This special election includes



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MGW endorses District 5 candidate Jean Shaw-Connelly, who is a coalition builder and a good listener.

Possibilities may open for Tony Miller ...

Clinton may appoint March Fong Eu

California's Secretary of State March Fong Eu, a Democrat, has told Senate President pro tem

David Roberti that President Clinton is considering her for an ambassadorship, according to *The Examiner*.



MGW file photo

March Fong Eu is being considered for ambassadorship by President Clinton. Eu's appointment would allow Tony Miller to serve in her position until a replacement is elected. The individual on right is not Miller.

the communities of Oak Park, Curtis Park, Hollywood Park, Elmhurst, and the UCD Medical Center.

MGW has endorsed Jean Shaw-Connelly, 36, a Presbyterian minister who says "The foundation of my faith is that all persons are created equally and lovingly by the creator and She calls us to bring justice to all persons who are victims of discrimination, poverty, injustice, and hopelessness ..."

Shaw-Connelly claims she would be "a coalition builder," be "a good listener," and have "the courage to stand behind [her] convictions." She feels the increase in hate crimes should trigger more police investigation and involvement. In addition, she would like to return the city manager's power to the city council.

Why does she consider herself a viable candidate? "It's a privilege to be a candidate ... We cannot be the community we want to be unless we enact strong programs of unifying vision ... I've been there; I've been there as a pastor; I have attended and had leadership positions in uncountable vigils, protests, and rallies ..."; I've ministered "funerals for colleagues, friends, and parishioners who have died of AIDS";

Governor Wilson, may experience more political turmoil when he tries to get a replacement confirmed by the Democratic controlled Legislature. Should Eu receive the post, the position she vacates would be open for the first time in the 20 years since Eu was elected to the post in 1974, following Jerry Brown.

Roberti, whose Senate seat must be vacated in 1994 because of term limits may could be among a long list of Democratic hopefuls.

If Wilson were to decide not to make an appointment, or if the Legislature rejects his choice, Tony Miller, Eu's chief deputy secretary of state, would take over until an election is held.

Miller admits that if he were given a chance to serve the remainder of Eu's term, he might also decide to run for the office.

Miller is gay, or as he puts it, "I am a Southern Baptist and an Eagle Scout who happens to be gay."

Miller thinks running as an openly gay candidate for statewide office would carry on a legacy he helped create.

"Dr. Eu has spent an entire career of opening doors for women, Asian Americans, gays and lesbians. It would make for an interesting campaign."▼

and "I am raising my daughter to know that sexual orientation is a viable lifestyle option."

Two other candidates have also supported the gay/lesbian community.

Deborah Ortiz, 35, works for the Legislature and has been involved in the Oak Park



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Deborah Ortiz, another District 5 candidate, works for the Legislature.

community and in education. Ortiz says, "Discrimination is something I have experienced all too frequently ... discrimination is simply wrong ... sexual orientation is no exception." In addition, Ortiz supports the appointment of qualified gays and lesbians because "We need to have all under-represented groups involved." She worked on the redistricting committee for the city and helped "protect Lavender Heights and put it into one district."

Patrick Kennedy has also supported the gay and lesbian community. Kennedy, 25, is an environmental transportation specialist at SMUD and is founding president of the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association.

In addition to MGW's endorsement of Jean Shaw-Connelly, CAP PAC endorsed both Shaw-Connelly and Ortiz while RCDC endorsed Ortiz.▼

Anne Rudin honored ...



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The Coalition of Sacramento Women's Organizations held a tribute to former mayor Anne Rudin. A hand-made quilt with the them "Collage of Memories" presented by Irene Griego (back left). Faye Kennedy (front left) presented a memory book (compiled by SACWN's Sandy Virago) which contained pictures, articles and letters, from the mayor's 20 years in office.

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Vandals damage landmark mural

The mural of buffalos grazing in a field that has graced the historical

one of the latest victims of hate related vandalism. Obscenity directed at homosexuals was spray-painted across a large

portion of the art work. The mural titled "Where Buffalos Roam" was painted by and installed on the building in 1985 by local artist Dexter Smith. The current owners

Artist Dexter Smith states he was commissioned by Meta and Frank Holt to paint the mural as a gift for Sacramento residents.

Donations are being excepted to help the artist restore the damage and to

Cassese, Marghe Covino, Laura Enright, Gary Ryan, and Jake Steuble. Retiring board member Rob Thorbin was elected member ex-officio.

In conjunction with the board's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the 1993 Board of Directors is composed of seven women and six men, with over 30 percent people of color.

A reception to introduce the new board will be held at Lambda Community Center on Wednesday, February 17, at 5pm, with the monthly board meeting following at 6:30pm. The community is involved.

For information: 442-0185.▼

New directory

The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, LGBA, formerly known as BANG or the Business Alliance of Networking Gays, is an openly gay and lesbian group whose primary purpose is to promote business, share information and create a strong presence and influence in Sacramento's business community. Membership is open to anyone who ethically and responsibly owns and/or represents a business.

This year LGBA published their first business directory which includes gay and lesbian businesses as well as straight owned businesses who are supportive of gays and lesbians. The free 44-page directory lists gay and lesbian community organizations and resources.

The LGBA elected officers for 1993 including Paul Starr-Fuhr as president, Gerri Leichtfuss as secretary, Roxanne Hardenburgh as

treasurer, Mike Starr-Fuhr as publicity chairman, and Ellie Zacks as membership chairman. The general networking meetings are held on the third Wednesdays of each month at Carrow's Restaurant, 28th and J streets, 7pm.

The February 17th meeting will feature a panel of tax experts who will give short presentations and then answer questions about taxes for individuals and small businesses. The March 17th meeting will feature M. Jane Pearce who will discuss the legal protections gays, lesbians, and their same sex partners can undertake to protect their legal rights.

For information: 641-8775.▼



building (originally the Buffalo Brewing Company) located at 19th and S streets has been

portion of the art work. The mural titled "Where Buffalos Roam" was painted by and installed on the building in 1985 by local artist Dexter Smith. The current owners

purchase a special anti-graffiti coating. Donations may be sent to: I Street Gallery (Buffalos) 1725 1/2 I, 95814, or call 447-6209.t

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Lambda Center elects new directors

Six new members were elected to the Board of Directors of Lambda Community Center Fund and six incumbents were re-elected at the Annual Meeting.

Lambda Community Fund is the parent corporation under whose nonprofit 501(c)3 umbrella over 30 programs and sponsored projects operate for Sacramento's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community.

New board members are Pamela Akins, Liegh DeBose, Bates Botting, Eric Glunt, Lisa Loutzenheiser, and Kay Tucker. Returning board members are Karyn Andrade, Willis Bennett, Joanna

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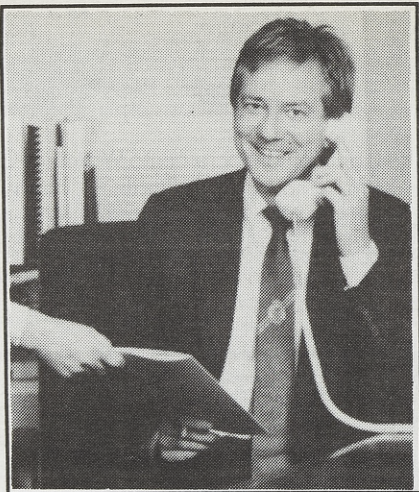
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Achtenberg appointed by Clinton

Confrontation over gays in the military

Roberta Achtenberg, San Francisco supervisor, will be the top

administration claims that Clinton wants fair housing enforcement strengthened.



Roberta Achtenberg will be the highest ranking openly gay official in the Clinton Administration. MGW/File photo

openly gay official because she has accepted a job in the Clinton administration as an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If confirmed as the assistant secretary for fair housing; equal opportunity and enforcement, she will supervise 700 employees and earn \$115,700 a year.

One source close to the

Achtenberg met with opposition groups who said they weren't concerned because she was a lesbian but rather with getting someone appointed who represents their agenda. "After the meeting, I think it was realized she had the same concerns that they do."

No problems with the confirmation hearings are anticipated.▼

Hate video circulated

by Hollie Conley
GLAAD/SFBA

A video produced by a California-based hate group is being circulated on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon in an attempt to support discrimination in the military. "The Gay Agenda" is a slick, professionally produced film consisting largely of selected footage of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade. The images are of nudity, simulated sex acts, drag and the organization NAMBLA, interspersed with the faces of children in the crowd. "Experts," including psychologist Joseph Nicolosi, appear in the film explaining that homosexuals are compulsively driven to exhibitionism, recruitment and pedophilia.

The video does not address the military issue, and is solely designed to promote fear and hatred. General Carl Munday, commander of the Marine Corps, has reportedly provided copies for all the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The press has reported that both Congressional and Pentagon phone lines have been swamped with calls on the military discrimination issue, most of them homophobic. Make sure they're hearing voices opposed to bigotry. You may reach, or obtain contract information for, your Representative by calling the House Switchboard at (202) 224-3121; Senate call (202) 225-3132; the Pentagon at (703) 697-5737.

President Clinton's recent moves to end discrimination in the military have, for the first time in history, kept a lesbian/gay civil rights issue on the front pages and in the evening newscasts for weeks. In many cases the news media have failed the issue badly, casting the debate as one over the rights of soldiers whose "moral values" (i.e. bigotry) must be honored, not over the outrageous and discriminatory treatment of lesbian and gay service people. Supporters of discrimination have repeatedly made absurd and even self-contradictory arguments (acknowledging the thousands of great lesbian and gay soldiers, but insisting that homosexuality is incompatible with service, or claiming that the military doesn't have enough control over its forces to keep them from attacking each other) without challenge. It is essential that we increase our dialogue with the media on this high-visibility issue. Call editors who turn this debate into one over the rights of heterosexuals to hate their comrades, or reporters who fail to challenge to the homophobia of military spokespeople. Addresses and phone numbers for network programs can be obtained by calling their local affiliates; newspapers and magazines publish contact information in each edition.▼

On Inauguration Day, gays and lesbians wondered when and how Clinton would enforce his campaign promise to lift the half century old ban on gays in the military.

After a January 25 meeting with Senate leaders and the five joint Chief of Staff, Clinton made it clear that lifting the ban was not negotiable. He has moved from an executive order banning discrimination to soliciting input from the Joint Chief on the manner in which to best effect the change.

The Chiefs, unhappy about the change, have enlisted the help of senators and congresspeople. Senator Nunn (D-GA), chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee told the press that he supports the status quo and will stage hearings on the ban in March.

Nunn is suggesting we maintain status quo until the matter has been fully settled.

Clinton has proposed a two-stage process in lifting the ban beginning almost immediately with a de facto end to asking new recruits their sexual orientation and ending investigations into the sexual orientation of those already in the service. A formal executive order lifting the ban would come within six months.

The Joint Chiefs have proposed a compromise which would leave the policy barring gays in the military but would incorporate parts of the first step of Clinton's plan.

Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole said Republicans will offer an amendment to reaffirm the existing ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. The amendment will be tied to the first amendments to go to Clinton for his signature. That will probably be the family leave bill.

The military's anti-gay policy has been in effect since World War II when psychiatrists treated homosexuality as an illness. The current Defense Department policy, adopted in January 1982, dispensed with the psychiatric treatment, reflecting changes in society toward treating homosexuals.

It further states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," and ordered the discharge of soldiers and sailors who engaged in homosexual acts or stated their homosexual orientation.

While all these negotiations are going on, there is a backlash of violence and hate crimes against gays and lesbians. The reports include a gay seaman beaten beyond recognition who died before he could be discharged, a gay man dragged from a gay bar and then beaten. Gay bashing and hate crimes are the common occurrences as the threat of violence are used to intimidate President Clinton.

The interesting issue is that rather than giving in, gays and lesbians who survive these terrorist attacks as well as family and friends of the less fortunate are fighting back and standing up in record numbers to demand the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" out of the closet.▼

Fighting the military ban SLCCly

SLCC (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change) is taking action to ensure lifting the ban on lesbians/gays in the military.

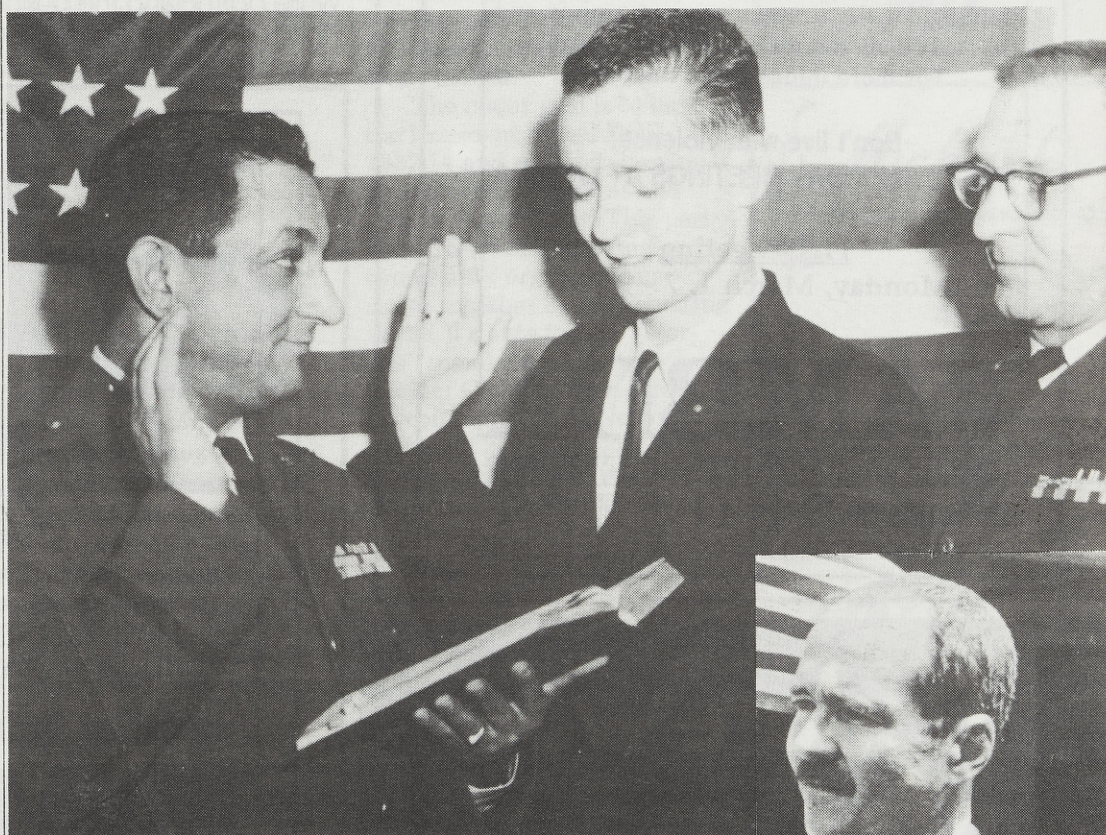
On March 10, from 7-9pm SLCC will be holding an informational and educational forum on lifting the ban on

lesbians/gays in the military, at the YWCA, 1122 17th St. (442-4741). Speaking about their personal experience in and out of the service will be Joan Lewis, president of Twin Spirits Veteran's Association, and other members.

Also speaking will be

Marghe Covino, journalist, president of the Lambda Community Center, and co-founder of Project Tocsin. (Project Tocsin is a watchdog group to monitor activities of the Christian right in Sacramento.)▼

Leonard Matlovich, the all American



▲ In 1963, with his father at his side, Leonard Matlovich joined the Air Force. Later that clean cut look would give him prominence in gay activism, including the cover of *Time* Magazine.

▶ Matlovich's court battle against discharge from the Air Force because of homosexuality is described in his biography, *Matlovich*.



Photo/The Washington Blade, Doug Hinkle

by Sonya Cox
HIV/AIDS Editor

Protect those health care workers ...

A Los Angeles woman with AIDS is being sued for concealing her HIV status from operating room personnel during a breast-augmentation procedure. A surgical nurse was cut on the hand and exposed to the woman's blood, and is suing for unspecified damages. The woman said she didn't mention her infected status because she "thought health care workers were protecting themselves" and hadn't considered the danger to the operating room staff.

No word yet on HIV status of the nurse involved. About 85 percent of people will test positive within three months of HIV infection; a year after infection, 99 percent will test positive; and nearly all infections show up within two years.

Clinton appointees offer hope ...

After over a decade of an Administration that left us with more than 160,000 dead from AIDS, President Clinton is providing an opportunity to get the needs, concerns, and issues of people with AIDS heard at the highest levels of government. And after years

of efforts to educate a misinformed, frightened, and oftentimes self-righteous public to the fact that good people are dying, this educational effort may soon be acknowledged as a primary force in public and government awareness. Clinton's nominee for surgeon general is Arkansas health director Joycelyn Elders, an outspoken advocate of providing contraception in high schools and medical use of marijuana for people with terminal illnesses. Elders has pledged to strengthen health education and family planning programs, and stress the fight against AIDS, alcohol, and smoking (that phenomenon in which people refuse to give up their right to slowly kill themselves while at the same time nearly doubling the rate at which their HIV disease progresses). Clinton has also named Dr. Donna Schlala as Secretary of Health and Human Services; it will be her job to oversee agencies that account for about 40 percent of federal spending (CDC, Food and Drug Administration, Social Security, Medicare, others). AIDS activists say Shalala has a reputation as a good administrator, but a similar reputation for being reluctant to "stick her neck out for us" and speak up if things become too politically sensitive. Some fears have been quelled by Clinton's appointment of his wife Hillary to oversee the task force on creating a workable national health policy; Shalala and other Cabinet officials will report to Mrs. Clinton, who has an excellent reputation for setting up viable health and education programs in Arkansas, and for showing no qualms about speaking up for her convictions.

Stephen C. Warren

*"Do but forgo
such cruel scorn
Thou all my bliss
believe but this
When thou art far
my heart is lorn"*



An obituary seems so cold for one who was so loving as you were my friend. I will always carry your music and your laughter within. I cannot think of you without feeling the joy of our friendship or the depth of our love. It seems an impossible task to describe how wonderful having you as a friend was, yet, I feel compelled. I suppose you simply had to be there. You were so generous of spirit. You marked even the smallest event with a gift. And your gifts were many. The cards, flowers, the play you wrote for my birthday, cheesecake, your irreverent humor, every piece of music you played for me, your courage and hopefulness, every violin lesson, every lesson in neatness and compulsive perfection and professionalism. And let us not forget Florence Foster Jenkins. When I was with you, I could be a kid again. We came together as friends quickly and with such intensity because we knew our time was limited. And in that time, you and I, together with Valerie, grew into a loving family — the three sisters — you dear Annie, Alice of the Basement and me (Abby) — the three of us were twins, you know. We had the best intentions when

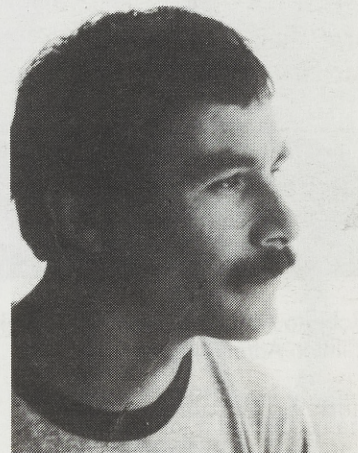
we tried to prepare for this. It is never enough. Goodbye for now our sweet friend. We will always hold you dear to our hearts. Go, go swiftly to the light. Gone gone, gone beyond, gone beyond the beyond.

Your loving sisters — Pam and Valerie.

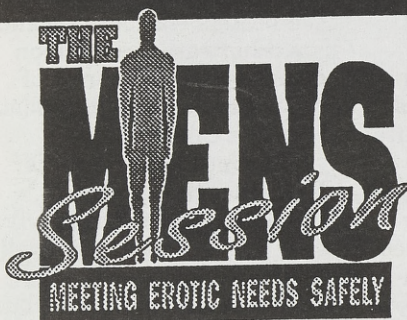
Stephen died February 2 of an AIDS-related illness at the home of his parents in Sacramento. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 12 at the Fremont Presbyterian Church (Chapel), 5770 Carlson Drive. In lieu of flowers, any remembrances may be sent to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Home Help Department, CARES or the UCD Medical Center Hospice Program. ▼

Joseph Vincent Torres

Joseph Torres died in Sacramento on January 27, 1993. He is survived by his companion of nine years, Ralph R. Moore, brothers Victor of Roseville, Frank and Michael of Sacramento, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many wonderful friends. Remembrances may be made



to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th Street, 2nd floor, Sacramento 95814. There will be birthday remembrance gathering on February 27 from 2-4 pm at his brother's home. Call for info: 451-3418. ▼



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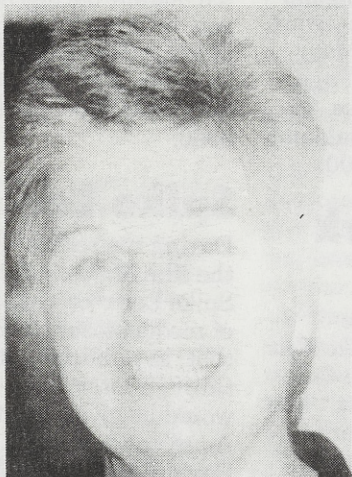
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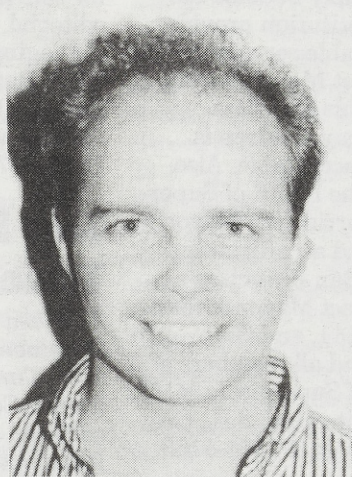
Michael Jones

Tanya Tucker, she sings about what life really is and she's fun. "San Antonio Stroll" is my favorite.



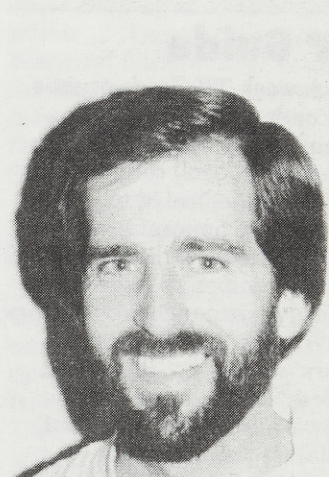
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Tanya Tucker - her "San Antonio Stroll" makes you want to dance.



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Garth Brooks and Chris Ledoux. Their "What Are You Going To Do With A Cowboy" has a great clogging routine.

NEWS CLIPS

Two teenagers in twenty

Alyson Publications and Ann Heron want to update the decade old *One Teenager in Ten*. They're looking for gay teens (under 20) to contribute and hope to reflect both the good and bad changes of the past decade. Sasha Alyson claims the proposed new title, *Two Teenagers in Twenty*, "reflects my hope that today's gay teens will prove to be less isolated," but the title could change if contributions don't support that idea.

Sasha Alyson
Alyson Publications
40 Plympton St.
Boston, MA 02118

Sex v. Gay Sex to publishers

R.R. Donnelley, one of the country's biggest printers had no problem doing Madonna's *Sex* but refused to print *Gay Sex* for fear of offending employees. Alyson Publications would like to join forces with other lesbian, feminist, and gay publishers to contract with one competitive printer willing to print their materials. Contact Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118.

A taste of their own medicine?

After meeting with representatives of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in N.Y., American Home Products — makers of Advil, Anacin, Dimetapp, Dristan, and Denerex — agreed not to discriminate in its advertising decisions. Rob Daroff, M.D., said, "This is a good example of how we can help influence corporate policy."

AAPHR

Action, alert, stat!

Lesbians and gays are invisible in medical "education." None of the materials distributed by the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists or by the American College of Pediatrics address our lives

and our health needs. If you're concerned about this message, contact: Richard F. James, III, M.D., President, American College of OB/Gyn, 409 12 St. SW, Washington, DC 20024 or Howard Pearson, M.D., President, American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 Northwest Point Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

Lights, camera, action!

Help chip away at homophobia in med school settings by helping to distribute Dee Mosbacher's powerful and passionate documentary on lesbian physicians to as many medical schools as possible. Contact Steve at the AAPHR office (415) 255-4547.

AAPHR

Voters reject hate campaign

Congressman Gerry Studds, Mass. 10th Congressional District, the first openly gay member of Congress won reelection by securing 62 percent of the vote. Studds told supporters, "The people were offered venom, and they chose vision. They were offered fear, insecurity, and hate and they chose strength, security, and hope, and that makes all the difference in the world."

Name change invites lesbians

The Gay Hospitality Exchange International (GHEI), the world-wide, non-profit accommodation exchange for gays and lesbians is changing its name to Lesbian and Gay Hospitality Exchange International (L/GHEI), effective immediately in the hope that the new name will encourage more women to participate. Info: Garnet Colly, Box 612, Stn. C, Montreal, Quebec, H2L 4K5.

Navratilova outraged by Amendment 2

Tennis champion Martina

Navratilova has taken an active role in seeking the overturn of Colorado's controversial, anti-gay Amendment 2 which prohibits state and local governments from enacting laws that grant civil rights to homosexuals. Having defected to the U.S. in 1975 from Communist Czechoslovakia, Martina claims she swore then she'd never take any rights for citizenship for granted. She has joined others in a lawsuit to overturn this amendment, and if it's not overturned, she says she will move out of Colorado.

USA Today

Cards for lesbians, gays

Jodee Stevens recently left her public relations job and with four partners (three straight and one gay), started Cardthartic, Inc., in Chicago.



Cardthartic relies on lesbian and gay artists and writers to produce genteel and droll cards found in about 75 mostly gay-oriented stores in 30 states. Hallmark and American greetings concede that they don't target gays and lesbians.

Chicago Tribune

Green Party says no to Colorado

The Green Party of Sacramento has endorsed the boycott of Colorado in response to passage of Amendment 2. The statewide initiative amends the Colorado Constitution revoking local gay rights ordinances and prohibits any state or local government jurisdiction from

enacting such legislation in the future. At a recent meeting, Greens discussed additional actions, such as petitioning the Sacramento City Council and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to join the boycott and prohibit funding any official travel into Colorado. Local boycott supporters also hope to secure endorsements from other County Green groups across California.

Twin Spirit potluck and elections

Twin Spirits Veterans' Association (TSVA) will kick off the New Year on Monday, January 25 with a potluck dinner in the MCC Grand Ballroom at 7:30pm. Officer elections will be held. Meetings will be on the third Monday of every month.

The major goal is to have the President repeal DOD 1332.14 and prohibit discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military. This past year, TSVA helped bring community organizations closer together by participating in the "Tribute to L/G Veterans"; members wrote to Bob Cook of Channel 40 regarding his commentary on November 14th; and 200 copies of their monthly newsletter were sent out. Lynn Strawbridge co-founder and current First Officer, will be stepping down, but will continue to be an active member and consultant. Information: P.J. 454-1116.

AMA vote called bigoted

The San Francisco based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights

denounced the AMA's fourth failure to pass a ban on discrimination due to sexual orientation. AAPHR Executive Director Benjamin Schatz stated the AMA's refusal to oppose discrimination "continues its shameful history of failing to combat prejudice." The AMA didn't ban discrimination based on religion until the 1950s, waited until the 1960s to address racial discrimination, and avoided gender discrimination until the 1970s.

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TV Guide

Each week *TV Guide* praises or condemns television programs and performers in its "Cheers & Jeers" column. The column is dedicated to "mentioning the honorable and disingering the most dishonorable." The December 26 issue included an expanded cover story on "The Year in Cheers & Jeers" with "most-impressed cheers" to *Roseanne* for "the show's adroit exploration of social issues," including homosexuality, "with hilarity and truth;" "hats off to *North-ern Exposure*, *Hearts Afire*, *Roseanne*, *Arresting Behavior*, and *One Life to Live*, for proving that plot lines involving gay characters do not have to lead to advertiser pullouts and outraged viewers." Cheers were also extended to Elizabeth Taylor for lending her voice to *Captain Planet*, "the first cartoon to tackle the AIDS issue." To commend *TV Guide* for this unexpected (if not uncharacteristic) display of social consciousness, send cheers to Althea Disney, Editor-in-Chief, *TV Guide*, Box 500 Radner PA 19088. If you want your letter considered for publication, copy it to the attention of the "Letters Department."

B of A and Boy Scouts

On December 21 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 7-3 to urge divestment of approximately \$6 million of the city's \$2.5 billion holdings in the Bank of America, because of the bank's dishonest support for the homophobic policies of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The bank denies that the BSA discriminates against gay children; this is a brazenly fraudulent denial that is at odds with every official statement released by the Boy Scouts. On December 24 Mayor Frank Jordan vetoed the modest divestment resolution, declaring that the Bank of America is "an outstanding corporate citizen." This veto

suggests that the bank be absolved for harming gay children simply because the financial institution provides other charitable services to the Bay Area. Let Mayor Jordan know that this heartless sacrifice of gay children is patently unacceptable. Also, encourage the Board of Supervisors to override the Mayor's veto and send an affirming message to San Francisco's youth. Contact Mayor Jordan (415) 554-6141, and the President and all members of the Board of Supervisors (415) 554-5185, City Hall, S.F., CA 94102, or fax (415) 554-5163.

On Our Backs

Dimension Graphics, a Kansas-based printing company hired by *On Our Backs* (the magazine for "the adventurous lesbian") refused to print the November/December issue in its entirety because it contained two "objectionable" photographs, one of a woman masturbating with a dildo, the other of lesbians practicing safe sex by using plastic wrap. Dimension Graphics' policy is not based on any local or federal laws, but on the company's own "personal mores." Express your concern and anger by writing to Dimension Graphics, 12915 West 107th, Lenexa KS 66215. Send your support to *On Our Backs*, 526 Castro St., S.F. 94114, (415) 861-4723.

Oakland Tribune

The December 16 *Oakland Tribune* editorial, "Our Textbooks Must Cover A Wide Range of Issues," applauds California's health education guidelines for including "references to gay and lesbian citizens." The editorial correctly points out that "the Board of Education vote did not come about lightly," but was surrounded by an "intense struggle." The *Trib* shames those who argued against inclusion; the newspaper condemns "the desire of some Americans to pretend an estimated 10 percent of the population doesn't exist, or if it

does exist, should stay in the closet." Congratulate the *Trib* for this welcome and singular editorial. Write: Pearl Stewart, Managing Editor, and Mary Ellen Butler, Editorial Page Editor, *Oakland Tribune*, 66 Jack London Square, Oakland, Ca 94607, (510) 208-6300.

The New York Times

The lead editorial in the December 21 issue of *The New York Times* makes "The Case for the Colorado Boycott." The editorial condemns Colorado for adopting Amendment 2 and advises readers that "Gay groups and others are urging a boycott; their call deserves to be heeded." Throughout 1992, *The New York Times* has upped the quality and quantity of its lesbian, gay and bisexual stories. Other editorials have attacked Republican gay bashing and supported New York City's lesbian- and gay-inclusive school curriculum. Send comments to Joseph Leyveld, Managing Editor, and Jack Rosenthal, Editorial Page Editor, *The New York Times*, 229 W. 43rd St., N.Y. 10036.

Joanne Jacobs

In a debatable, though provocative column in the January 1 San Jose *Mercury News*, staff columnist Joanne Jacobs argued in favor of celebrating our similarities, as opposed to our differences, and promoting a cultural "melting pot" as opposed to "multi-culturalism." Jacobs (who is usually strongly against prejudice), singled out one group whose "celebrations of difference are really denials of difference," that group being lesbians and gays. The book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, Jacobs wrote, "implies that there is no difference in love, caring or stability, between a lesbian family with a child and a family formed by a married man and a woman." Of course that is the point. Jacobs went on to add insult to injury by implying a comparison between sexual orientation and various lifestyles: "You don't see 'Heather Hangs Out at the Biker Bar' on the [NY City Schools] reading list, nor 'Heather's Daddy Has Two Girlfriends.' "Why can't we just tell kids not to insult or assault others, without asking

them to approve of everybody?" Jacobs asked. If you'd like to tell Joanne Jacobs not to insult you, write to her c/o San Jose *Mercury News*, 750 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose, CA 95131, (408) 920-5000, fax (408) 288-8060.

Spike Lee

During the recent release of the film *Malcolm X*, director Spike Lee received a great deal of media attention for saying that, in publicizing the film through interviews, preference would be given to African American reporters. However, David Ehrenstein, the only African American writing film criticism for a national publication (*The Advocate*) was refused an interview by Lee. Ehrenstein says he was told "Not now. Not ever." Ehrenstein had interviewed Lee in years past, when he worked for a heterosexual publication. Syndicated columnist Liz Smith asserted that the refusal came because Ehrenstein writes for a gay publication. While Mr. Lee's on and off screen message against racism is clear and admirable, his support for human rights for all people remains open to question. Comments to: Spike Lee, 40 Acres and a Mule Productions, 124 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY, 11217.

Curriculum Commission

Maria Lopez-Freeman is the newly appointed Chair of the California Curriculum Development and Supplemental materials Commission. The Curriculum Commission is an advisory body to the State Board of Education, and is responsible for developing subject matter frameworks and other documents that direct the development of textbooks used throughout the state's 1,000+ school districts. It appears that the new chairwoman will offer more progressive leadership than her predecessor. We can immediately encourage Ms. Lopez-Freeman to support lesbian, gay and bisexual inclusion in textbooks. Send thoughts on educational equity to Maria Lopez-Freeman, Achievement Council, 4055 Wilshire Blvd., #350, Los Angeles, 90010, (213) 487-3194.

The Weekly Sun

The *Weekly Sun*, a Carmel Valley-based newspaper, ran a story by Isabelle Hall which profiled incoming president of the Carmel Association of Realtors, Stephen Poohar. Part of the article listed reasons the Carmel real estate market would outperform other areas of California: "There are less urban problems, a lower crime rate, virtually no pollution, minuscule problems with drugs and the gay population is not as prolific as in other parts of the country." It was unclear whether the homophobic remark was an indirect quote by Poohar, or an elaboration by the reporter. Respond by writing The *Weekly Sun*, Box 931, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Corp. for Public Broadcasting

In response to right-wing complaints about "homosexual propaganda" and "liberal bias," the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has set up a toll-free number and special address for gathering public comment on programming. It is Public Broadcasting's responsibility to serve you, and your responsibility to make sure they do so. How about increased lesbian/gay commentary/coverage on such programs as MacNeil/Lehrer, Washington Week in Review, and NOVA? Call (800) 356-2626; write: CPB, Box 50880, Washington DC 20091-0880.

The Crying Game

The Crying Game, written and directed by Neil Jordan, is a film which has become a runaway hit and has gained a lot of publicity for its unpredictable plot. The film is also notable for being inclusive. There seems to be a general ban on discussing the plot of this film, but if you see it you are encouraged to send your comments to Neil Jordan, c/o ICM-Duncan Heath, Oxford House, 76 Oxford St., London W1R 1RB, England.

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible supply us with documentation. Phone: (415) 861-4588; South Bay (408) 235-0229; East Bay: (510) 273-9146; fax (415) 861-4893. Write to: GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., #B, San Francisco, 94114. ▽

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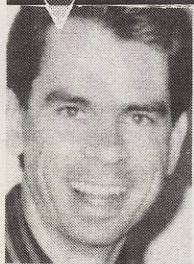
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by John Batchelor
MGW Staff

The FLASH column as you have grown to know it and LOVE it is back. After a vacation and then a bit of sickness the words are off and rolling again. Thanks for your bon voyage greetings and subsequent get well wishes. It's starting to look like our community is doing its job of educating ... take a look at the 5th District for City Council candidates ... they are all very supportive of the gay/lesbian community!! MGW has endorsed Jean Shaw-Connelly; CAP PAC endorsed Jean Shaw-Connelly and Deborah Ortiz. RCDC endorsed Deborah Ortiz. Happy February birthdays to two of Sacramento's leading first parents: Reverend Merrill Follansbee and Gloria Sloan. Greetings also to Donna Robertson, former Sacramentan and steadfast MGW reader Stephen Crow, businessman tycoon Ed Condon, Open Road celebrity Scott Vorhees, Kathy Haberman, Gary Chapman, MGW's Cheryl Strickland, and Dr. Art Katz. Congratulations to Joan Lewis for taking a stand on local

television news. Lewis, a U.S. veteran, stressed the importance of lifting the ban on lesbian and gays in the military. She was representing Twin Spirits Veterans Association, a relatively new organization in town. Thanks Joan, you made us all proud. MGW's own Charles Peer came out in front of the camera. Peer is still in the reserves! Write to your representatives and let them know you support lifting the ban. Last January, Romanovsky & Phillips and Open Road entertained a sold out crowd at the Sierra 2 Theatre. The MC/Hostess for the evening was the fabulous and witty Vannah. Open Road member, Jim Ralston informed me that Vannah was a professional all the way. On the following evening the equally fabulous and witty Rosanna Herber (former SACWN president) carried off the MC duties without a hitch at the Linda Tillery concert. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is looking for volunteers to work on "Capital AIDS Walk '93," call Mark at 448-2437. Congratulations to Dr. Pamela DiTomaso for

receiving the 1993 Distinguished Catholic School Graduate from Bishop Francis Quinn. Vannah has issued a challenge to yours truly to do something western at La Cage Awful on March 13. One of our advertisers recently appeared in the Sacramento Bee with a large photo and article ... Rhonda Jurkowski of Waggin' Tails K-9 Waste Removal. Rhonda can keep your yard poop spotless and barely costs anything. Lee Nichols also made the pages of the Sacramento Bee in Anita Creamer's column ... Nichols said 'Rush Limbaugh's fat, and I'm not. Rush Limbaugh's a political dinosaur, and I'm not. Rush Limbaugh's heterosexual, and I'm Lee Nichols.' The 1993 March on Washington is just around the corner. Take part in history in the making. With a new president in office, the timing is perfect. Let the White House know their efforts are appreciated. The March will encourage them to

a stand and to be counted. See you April 25. Mr. Flash is overwhelmed with new dance students. Everyone wants to join in on the fun. 1993 could be the year that you become more comfortable on the dance floor. My Country Western, Swing and Line Dancing classes begin February 22 and 23. Pick a day that works for you and get "out" on that floor! There's never a dull moment in our local nightlife: Joseph's Town and Country (JTC) will host a carnival, Comida Musica Rifas on February 20. The event is a benefit and has been very successful in the past. A special thank you to Joseph for donating a phone system to MGW! The Nevada AIDS Foundation recently sent a thank you to Terry Sidie of Faces and G.G.N.I.E. for a generous donation of \$500 to their Residence Fund. It is heart warming to see a helping hand to neighboring organizations ... The Mercantile Saloon offers a cozy get-away at this cold wet time of year ...

continue on our behalf. This is the time to take a stand, make The Town House is the place for many a billiards tournament. Stop by and catch the action ... The mural on the historical building that houses the Buffalo Club has been defaced by anti-gay graffiti. Donations to help artist Dexter Smith restore the mural and purchase an anti-graffiti coating can be sent to I Street Gallery, 1727 1/2 I St., 95814. Information: 447-6209 ... The Wreck Room also hosts a number of billiards competitions. It is also one of the friendliest bars in town. Until next time it's not too late to fulfill those New Year's resolutions!!

— John ▽

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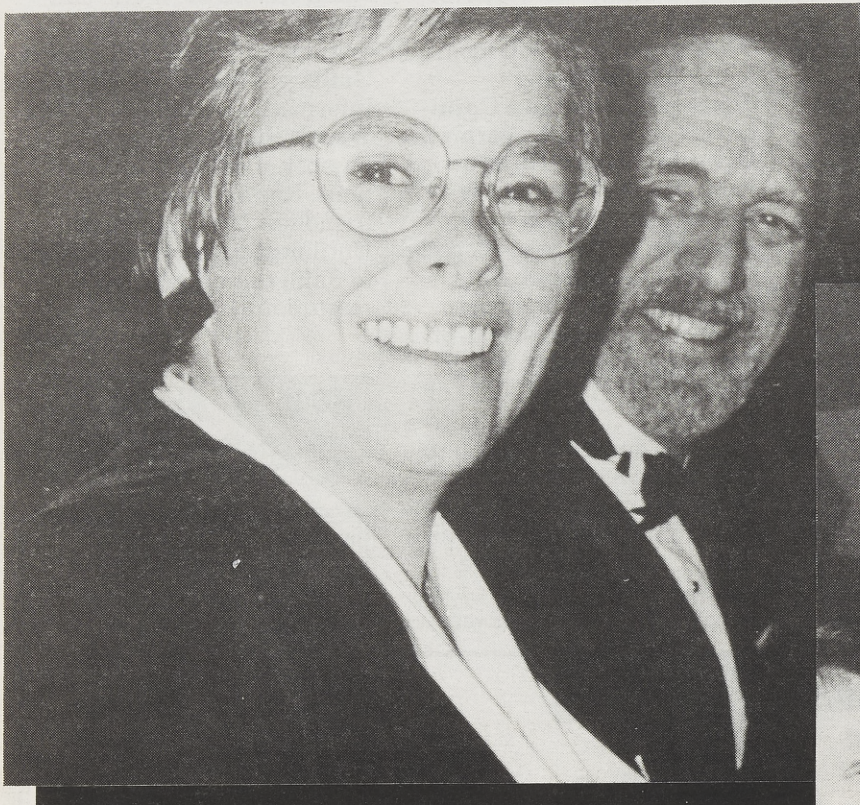
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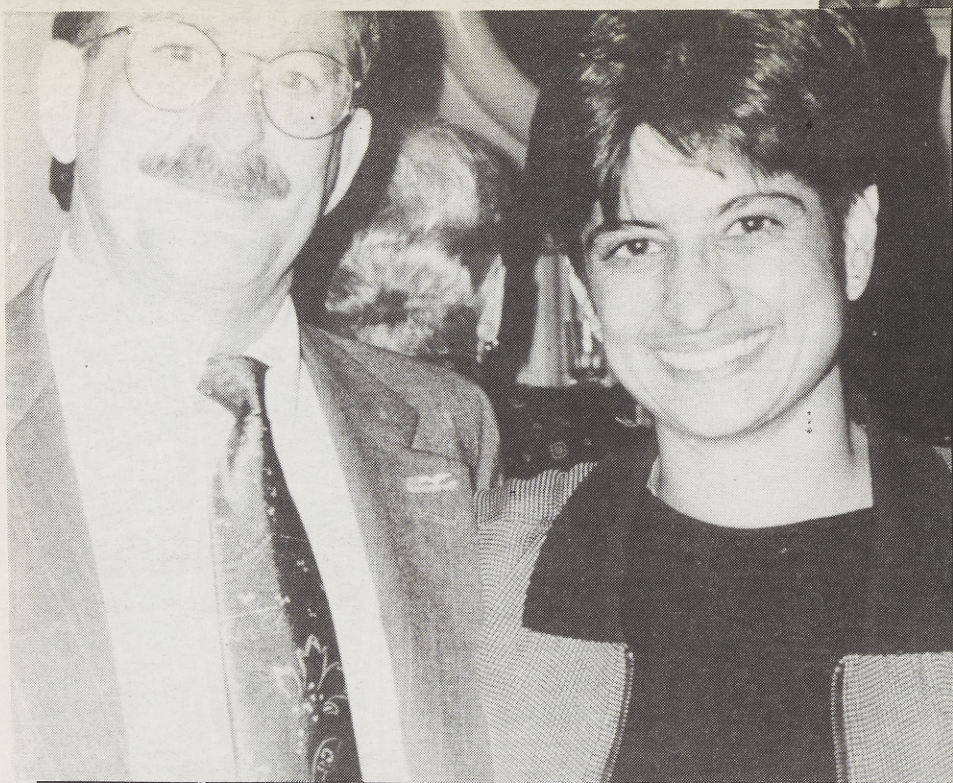
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at the Gay/Lesbian



▲ Sacramento's LIFE Lobby Executive Director, Laurie McBride was able to experience the excitement of President Clinton's victory.

MGW's photographer Rosemary Metrailler with Judge Mary Morgan and Clinton appointee Roberta Achtenberg at the NGLTF Triangle Ball.



▲ Urvashi Vaid & Ed Gould, co-chairs of the L.A. Gay/Lesbian CSS. Urvashi was the past executive director of NGLTF.



▲ Comedian Kate Clinton with one of her "boyfriends."

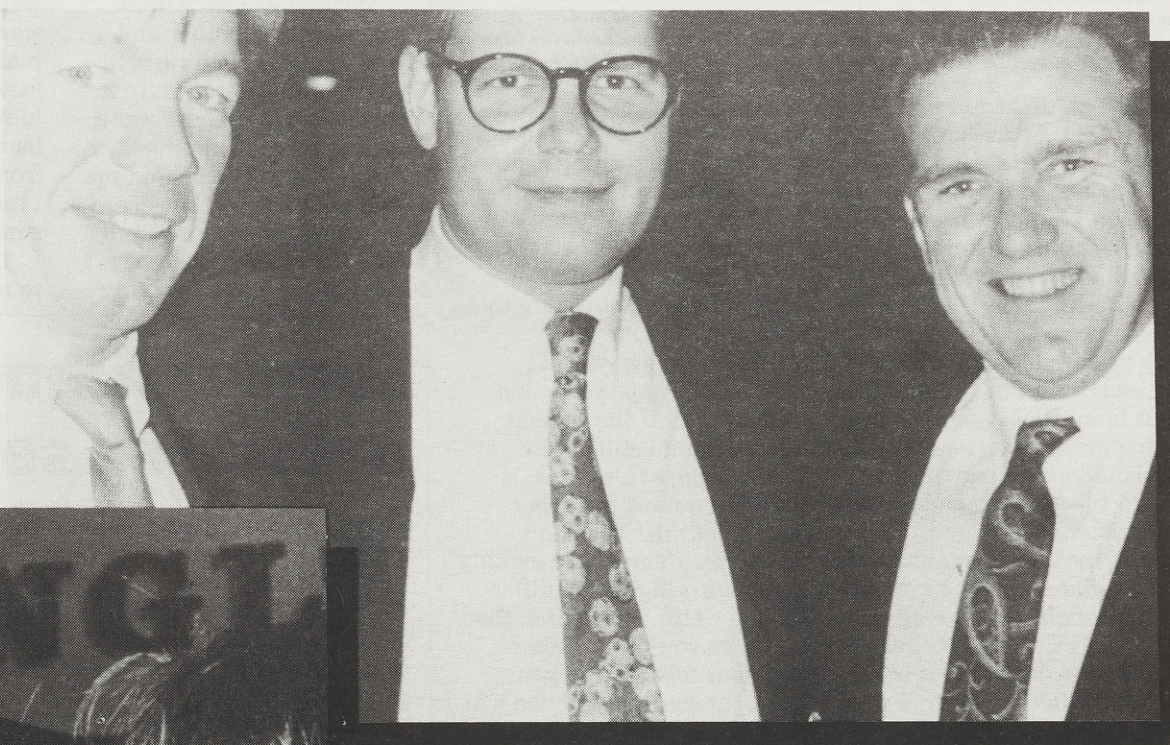


▲ Lynne Brown from the Washington Blade (gay/lesbian newspaper in DC); Elizabeth Birch, co-chair of NGLTF. Rosemary Metrailler, famous Sacramento lawyer that went to Wellesley College with Hillary Clinton, Shannon Rodes, former executive.

Elizabeth Birch and Curt Shepard, co-chairs of NGLTF.



n Inaugural Triangle Ball



▲ Tom Duane, member of N.Y. City Council; John Wiecks, and David Mixner, well-known gay activist, political consultant for President Clinton.

◀ David Mixner political consultant, also went to college with President Clinton.



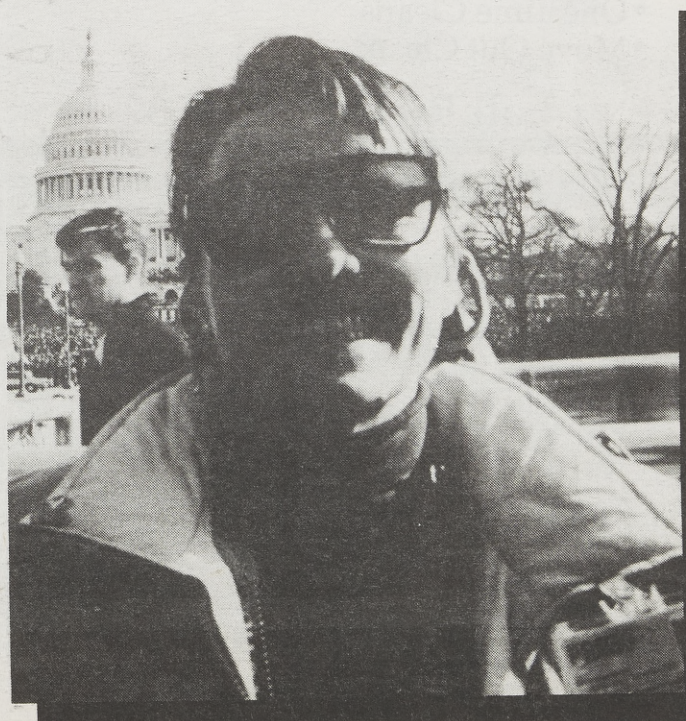
▲ Peri Jude Radeca acting Executive Director of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force.



▲ Judge Mary Morgan and S.F. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg. Imagine ... Lesbians dancing at a Presidential Inauguration Ball!!!



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Chapter Seven

This is the story of Adam ...

Previously: After having a seriously frantic reaction to seeing Larry hurt in the car accident Adam finds himself confronted by his mother. Having noticed Adam's distraught withdrawn behavior his mother asks him the inevitable question he had feared. Point blank she asked if he was gay ...

Yes," fell from my lips. I was completely aware of what the word meant in response to the question I had just been asked. For the first time in my life I had admitted to another human being that I believed I was homosexual. What next? I didn't know, and had just realized that I really didn't want to know. My mother kept asking me questions promising she would not tell anyone. I couldn't hear her because that inner voice was so loud, cursing me for my admittance, that I couldn't really comprehend what she was saying.

Finally I told her to read my diary. It explained it well in there. I didn't want her to think I was gay, just that I wasn't sure about it and that I had been confused for quite sometime now. We arrived at the house and I got out to open the gate.

The rain was coming down pretty heavily now. I suddenly thought about some of the fantasies that I had written about in my diary.

The voice in my head

began to mock again. "Now you've done it. You could never stop her from reading it now. She'll know everything! She will hate you, you're nothing but a fag!"

"What do I do now?" I asked out loud not caring that I was talking to myself.

"Run, far away. Kill yourself. Perhaps you could start over, or if the Bible is true you could still get to heaven before things get worse. You must get away from all of this! You can't function with everyone looking at you knowing you're different and weird. Just think, the next time you're in the car with your mother and you check out some jogger, she will know!! She will know and be grossed out. It will get around. You'll go to Christmas dinner and all your relatives will look at you and think 'Poor little fag.' They will also wonder what your mother did so wrong to cause you to be so different. Run, just get away, your life here is ruined, there's nothing left."

I heeded the advice and began running. I ran and bawled, I kept muttering, "Where am I gonna go, what am I gonna do?"

Finally I stopped listening to the voice and decided I would run to the nearest pay phone and call the operator, or 911, and beg for help. As I ran, I passed Trick or Treaters, they stared as I ran, talking to myself and crying. I remembered there was a pay phone not too far from where I was at

a 7-11 about two miles from my home. Finally I arrived at the store to see that the receiver to the phone was gone.

The voice began again, "See! It is destiny. God wants you to die, or he would have helped you! Go, go find a place that is high up and jump off!!!"

Meanwhile Larry must have called my mother and found out that I had run off, for when I began to run to my old school, where there was a nice three-story building, I saw a car pull over just behind me. I ignored it at first, but heard a door slam and a voice call my name. It sounded like Larry. I turned to see a man walking

toward me. The rain distorted my vision, but when he passed under a street lamp I saw that it was him.

I was overwrought. My God! How did he know? He must have spoken with my mother. I was confused, he knew that I was a fag, yet he had come too. What did he want!!? All I knew was that my worst fear had become a reality, Larry knew. I would lose the only thing I had from him now, his friendship. I now had no reason to live. Choking from fear, drowning in shame, I said nothing, and began to run from him.

The most important thing to me now was to die quickly.

To rid myself of all this anguish. I headed toward my old elementary school. Larry said things like "It doesn't matter" and "I am still your friend," but I was too smart for that. I knew that once he got to thinking about the past and that time in the bed, and everything, he would not want to be around me.

"Just stop," he screamed after me, "I want to help, come on, where are you going to go?"

"To hell!!!! Don't you read your Bible!!!!" I screamed back.

To be continued ...

Questions? Comments? Call 863-3425.▼

Local philharmonic orchestra season set

The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra announced its spring season at the Community Center Theater has been finalized. Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$25, with season ticket buyers receiving a 10 to 15 percent discount. In addition, 1992-93 Sacramento Symphony subscribers will receive an additional \$1 off per ticket as a good-will gesture.

The spring season will officially open with a benefit concert on Sunday, February 21. Boris Brott, internationally recognized Canadian conductor, will lead the musicians in a program of Debussy, Strauss and Stravinsky.

The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO), governed by a steering committee of five musicians and six volunteer community representatives, is attempting to "Keep the Music Alive" while the Sacramento Symphony Association tries to reorganize under Chapter 11 U.S. Bankruptcy Code protection. The Sacramento Symphony Association Board of Directors has endorsed the efforts of the musicians and volunteers of the SPO to keep symphonic music in Sacramento in the interim.

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Somewhere Between Heaven and Hell

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

Social Distortion, Alternative, 1992 Sony Music (Epic), New York, NY

Social Distortion's appeal



is its high energy, hard edged sound. Their music has a

heavy electric guitar base in the punk rock realm. Other than the energy, the quality is debatable. The lead singer's delivery is nasal, sharp and without much in the way of vocal dynamics. On slower songs, his voice goes a little off-key a la Mick Jagger. Many of the themes in this recording are of torment and alienation. In *Cold Feelings*, the lyrics describe trying to block out feelings of loss, "I don't want to feel...try to separate my body from my mind". Born to Lose expresses deep anguish, "Your momma said I was a loser/A dead end cruiser/And deep inside I knew that she was right". The Sickest Lyrics Award goes to 99 to Life in which the singer bemoans his lonely weekends due to his incarceration "She was my baby/Thought she'd be my wife/I killed my baby/I killed her with my knife."▼

The Saga Continues

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

The Boys, 1992 Motown Records, Los Angeles, CA

These Boys have got some talent. They specialize in rap but branch out into a few

other styles, most notably on Happiness which is reminiscent of the old Earth, Wind and Fire band.

There's a short saxophone solo in an interlude that's worth a listen. Their mildly offensive, youthful cockiness rears its head when one of the Boys tells his girl to come to his room and he'll show her what a Real Man is. A unique feature is a play off the title *The Saga Continues* in which the Boys interrupt their songs to give an update on a Police pursuit; it seems that the Boys are wanted for "musical massacre." If caught and put on trial, I think the judge will find them not guilty.▼

Live Out on the Road

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

The Flirtations, Acappella, 1992 Flirt Records, New York, NY, Recorded in Vancouver

I recommend this live recording by The Flirtations, a gay men's acappella group. Their strong, passionate voices both blend and contrast each other in a rich texture of music. Classic songs take on new meaning when reworked

LIVE OUT ON THE ROAD



by the group as in "Mr. Sandman, I need a man/No one psychotic or Republican/Give him two legs like Greg Louganis/But make him public about his gayness." The songs are not geared just towards gay men; many of them are women and lesbian-affirming. Among them: Oughta Be A Woman, about African-American mothers, Donde Esta Dolores, a "lesbian, Latina participatory song" and So Much In Love (Lesbian Love) in tribute to Aurelio's great aunt and her longtime lover.

The group tackles both serious subjects as the war on AIDS and the beating of South

African human rights activist Steven Biko, as well as light, upbeat tunes, such as The Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun. One of Us is a unique spoken number in which group members make one-line statements revealing intimacies about their lives. My favorite phrase of the CD, which represents the Flirtations' response to homophobia, is "The higher you build your barriers, the taller I become."

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TRAVEL

Gay Caribbean discovered

The recent issue of *Out & About* provides a comprehensive planning guide for the gay man or woman thinking about travel to the Caribbean. The issue includes an extensive listing of recommended gay accommodations, beaches and nightlife, plus hotels and restaurants for those looking to get away from it all.

Most gay people travel to the Caribbean for rest and relaxation, not nightlife. "Gay nightlife is less developed here because there is less demand for it than in other popular destinations, but gay people have more options than ever for exciting, active or reclusive vacations in the islands," says editor Billy Kolber.

The top five escapes are:

- Anguilla, for its low-key isolation, lack of tourists and stunning beaches.
- Bequia, for its exotic locale in the Grenadines, its near total lack of tourist development, and its casual accommodations.
- Bonaire, for its world-class diving, near-perfect weather and welcoming, friendly environment.
- St. Kitts, for its combination of natural beauty, historic interests, and some of the most

beautiful, unspoiled beaches in the Caribbean.

St. John, for its undeveloped national park and easy accessibility.

Other sections in the overview include:

The Gay Caribbean, which provides an explanation of the popularity of the Caribbean among gays, an overview of the general attitude of peoples to homosexuality and helpful hints for planning a gay-friendly Caribbean vacation.

Out in the Caribbean, profiling the few pockets of the Caribbean where there is an evolved or evolving gay culture or presence. Most prominent among these is Puerto Rico's capital of San Juan. Also noted are the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, the Dominican Republic and St. Barts.

Paradise in Progress, which warns of a number of islands that, while popular and having many worthwhile attractions, are currently less welcoming of gay travelers.

The Caribbean Basics, a tool for any Caribbean visitor, gay or straight, providing a quick, clockwise profile of each Caribbean isle.

For information: *Out & About* 1-800-929-ABOUT (2268).▼

Scuba and snorkel programs announced

Undersea Expeditions, the gay scuba and snorkel travel specialists, have published their 1993 dive travel catalog, detailing a new series of warmwater adventures for gay and lesbian scuba divers and snorkelers for the upcoming year.

The reefs and walls of Cozumel, Mexico beckon undersea explorers March 6-13, where the group will stay in its own private oceanfront villa. Easter Break will be in Costa Rica (April 2-11) for 10 days of rain forest exploration, hiking and scuba diving, ranging from the rainforest of Marenco Biological Preserve and snorkeling off Isla del Cano to the dry rainforests of

Northern Costa Rica's Guanacaste Province. Additional trips include expeditions to the South Pacific Paradise of Fiji (September 9-26) and a trip to explore the Red Sea and the antiquities of ancient Egypt (October 2-17). A special

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SAGA fundraiser ..

A comfortable evening

by Danny Gray
MGW Staff

Romanovsky and Phillips/Open Road — fundraiser for SAGA, 24th Street Theatre, January 8.

The Sacramento gay community never felt more like a family. The 24th Street Theater was soldout in a fundraiser to benefit the Sacramento Arts and Games Association (SAGA). Musical duo Romanovsky and Phillips brought their engaging blend of music, camp humor and



queer politics back to Sacramento and sang their hearts out in celebration of being gay.

With only a guitar and a piano (and an occasional use of red pom-poms) these darlings of queer entertainment told the stories and sang the songs of gay life in America. Phillips won the audience's affection immediately by dropping the mike on the floor as he tried to lower the microphone stand at the beginning of the show. He grinned sheepishly, and while

struggling to pick up the mike and secure the stand, Romanovsky barked into his own microphone, "Is there a dyke in the house who can help us with this technical stuff?" It was a perfect save.

R&P are probably best-known for their humor, at its best in such songs as *Some of My Best Friends Are Straight* and *If There is a God, She Must Be a Queen*. They turn an ironic eye to common gay stereotypes, inverting them and showing their absurdity. Phillips complains about how difficult it is to maintain the distinction between gay men and straight because straight men are always stealing gay fashions. This is how he justifies his outfit, which he calls "Evening Wear by Osh Kosh B'Gosh" (black overall tops with a frilly tutu over fishnet stockings). This is one fashion statement he declares, that straight men will never dare co-opt.

The duo wear their politics on their sleeves, invoking issues dear to the gay community (such as NEA funding, and homosexuals in the military) in songs such as *Ho-Ho-Homophobia* Romanovsky described their recent tour in Colorado, where they were "entertaining the troops" and struggling to keep up morale among lesbians and gays there in the wake of the passage of Amendment 2. Romanovsky & Phillips support the boycott of Colorado — they brought sack lunches with them to avoid contributing to the state's economy — but they reminded the audience not to abandon the lesbians and gays who are still there and fighting on the front lines.

These two entertainers are not above poignancy. One of their best songs, musically and lyrically, is the moving *One Way*, which references the statistics that gay and lesbian teenagers commit suicide two

to three times more often than their heterosexual counterparts.

Romanovsky & Phillips deserve to rank among our national gay heroes for their outspoken activism and the mighty musical and comic talents they bright to its service.

The opening act for the evening was Sacramento's own gay country & western band, Open Road. Lead singer Steve Van Dyke has a rich baritone voice. With Jim Ralston on guitar and back-up vocals, and Scott Vorhees on synthesizer, this talented trio charmed the crowd with ballads and tunes about romance and gay pride, country-western style. Their original material ranges from tender love songs (*Consider Me*) to boot-kicking numbers about soured romance (*Consider It Done*). If you enjoy good country western music, then be sure to catch Open Road at one of their gigs in the Sacramento area later this year. ▽

Lunacy hits SACWN



MGW/Linda Birner

The latest SACWN soldout event features the hilarious Dos Falloppia, billed as a kamikaze comedy duo. The warped minds belong to Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt from Seattle. They recently released their first recording, "My Breasts Are Out of Control."

Twelfth Night puts Illyria in early America

by Terry Maloney
Special to MGW

Although *Twelfth Night* uses the same stage, set and cast as *Electra*, with which it is currently playing in repertory at the Sacramento Theatre Company, the two plays could not be more different.

The same textured grays and blues in the set behind sophocles' sobering tragedy work toward and equal but opposite effect in Shakespeare's farce. Set in colonial America (by the director, not the playwright), this *Twelfth Night* is a charming production that, however conceptualized, does not compromise Shakespeare's story.

One of the Bard's most frequently read and produced plays, *Twelfth Night* explores issues of gender and sexual attraction within the comedic world of love letters, sub-plots and mistaken identities. Viola, a shipwreck survivor convinced her twin brother has perished, finds herself alone in a strange new land. She dons her brother's clothes, for she will better brave the world as a saucy young man than an unattended woman. Employed as a page by Orsino, she quickly falls in love with him, but her first job is to woo on his behalf the beautiful, uninterested Olivia. Or at least we think she's uninterested

until she meets Viola, thinking her a sensitive, very attractive young man.

Confusion really sets in when Viola's twin brother arrives and, because she is still in his clothes, no one can tell them apart.

Meanwhile, the arrogant butler Malvolio (Bob Devin Jones) has a nasty trick played on him by the other servants of the house, who let him believe he is the object of Olivia's affection. Jones is engaging and hilarious as the myopic buffoon whose punishment so exceeds his crime. His presence, however, is confusing to anyone trying to figure out this production's relationship to interracial casting.

Jones is African-American, as are some other members of the cast, and there are sundry Asians, Latinos, and native Americans as well. But WASPs dominate, significantly, playing all the characters in positions of authority.

It looks less like what we call blind or open casting (casting the best actor for the roll, regardless of ethnicity and sometimes gender) and more like specific statements on racial groups.

When the prank against Malvolio gets ugly, he is stripped of his foppish fineries and made to look more like a plantation slave, not insignificant since the setting is America in 1768.

In light of this, Arthur Ward's Feste, in full native American Drag complete with tanning cream a wig out of Wayne's World, is most peculiar. Although Ward's bio tells us he is part native American,

his elaborate costume invites us to find as much of a message with his casting as we may have with Jones'.

Kristin Giroux is a complicated Viola, seeming hopeless with love for Orsino with little indication she will act on it. Then she is downright catty with Olivia when she sees her as a rival. As Olivia makes her affections for the boy version of Viola known, Giroux again falls resigned to the unstoppable path of love.

If Giroux is less than convincing visually as a man, it is reconciled in her uncanny resemblance to Todd Dellinger, who plays her twin brother, Sebastian. There is a rich moment, Dellinger's first entrance, when even the audience thinks he is her.

Director Mark Cuddy pulls out all the stops for the always gratifying recognition seen. Orsino, a charmingly accident prone Skip Greer, and Olivia, an uncommonly girlish Lura Dolas, mug shamelessly when Viola embrace Sebastian. Here are the male and female romantic leads looking at two identical people, trying to figure out who's the boy and who's the girl. Olivia doesn't know which one she just married, and Orsino doesn't know which one he poured his manly heart out to.

Twelfth Night continues in repertory with *Electra* at the Sacramento Theatre Company until March 7. ▽

Working artists studio opens

Artist Dexter Smith will be opening his studio located at 1717 I Street (in the rear of the 750 Gallery Building behind Matrix Gallery) to the public beginning Saturday, February 13, noon to 5pm through April. Dexter will demonstrate "on site portraits" of random visitors on these dates, and will exhibit previous works by himself and other guests artists. Smith has painted in the Sacramento area for 15 years and currently exhibits his award winning acrylics at Malkies Art Services on J Street, and is also represented by Lite Rail Gallery. ▽

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Hundreds of plays were written about this mythological family, the house of Atreus, though only a small handful of scripts survived the 25 centuries since they were first performed.

Electra, the unfortunate daughter, sent her baby brother abroad years ago in the care of his teacher with instructions that the boy must not return until he is old enough to kill his mother and stepfather. That day has arrived, but brother Orestes must first send false news of his own death so he can move easily under cover.

Though *Electra* is devastated by the news, her boozy, angry mother, Clytemnestra is relieved. The plot advances, if without twists, when Orestes reveals his identity to a delighted *Electra*, then goes indoors to chop his mother up with an ax.

Enter the stepfather, Aegisthus (David Silberman), demanding to see proof of Orestes' death. The unidentified Orestes and his companion Pylades bring out a body all right, but who do you think Aegisthus sees when he pulls back the bloodstained sheet?

One of the rules of Greek

theatre was that no murders may be committed on stage, but dramatists such as Sophocles often compensated for this artistic restriction by importing ogre on to the scene after the fact.

Valerie de Jose's *Electra* is an unusual blend of suffering and strength. For a woman with such an epic mission, she often appears too much the victimized young girl. Still, de Jose, who is on stage for 90



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percent of the play, never fails to carry the action from one moment to the next.

Clad in black denim, Orestes (played by STC favorite Skip Greer) and his companions Pylades (Arthur Ward) and Pedagogus (Bob Devin Jones) are a nomadic band of three. Pedagogus is both a guardian and employee to Orestes, and Pylades, in this particular interpretation, is no less that Orestes' love interest.

But it is the performance of Lura Dolas as Clytemnestra that steals the show. A veteran Shakespearean actress, Dolas has a remarkable way of using modern realistic acting techniques within a classic context. Granted, director Tim Ocel has set the drama in a kind of timeless zone allowing the use of modern props and costumes

without depending on a particular period. But the choices Dolas makes are far more specific.

A rich, alcoholic housewife, this Clytemnestra skulks around in her silk nightgown and five-inch heels with wicked camp (costume designer B. Modern has hit the mark). When angered, her histrionics rival those of Faye Dunaway in *Mommie Dearest*. Dolas simply blows the doors off.

Set designer Nick Door has constructed a large, raked disc and matching flats that seem to double the acoustics of the theatre. Used both for *Electra* and *Twelfth Night*, the general stage design remains uncommitted to either of the polar moods of the two plays. Specific to *Electra* are the hundreds of shoes, first in neat piles and then littering the stage, and blood-stained household appliances that unobtrusively merge our 20th century kitchen sink drama with ancient Greek blood bath drama.

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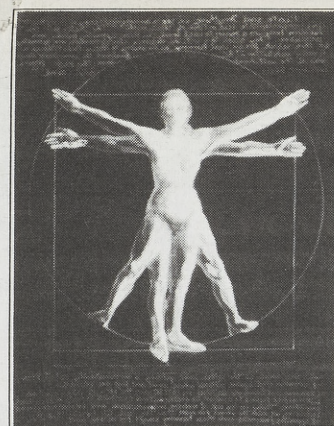
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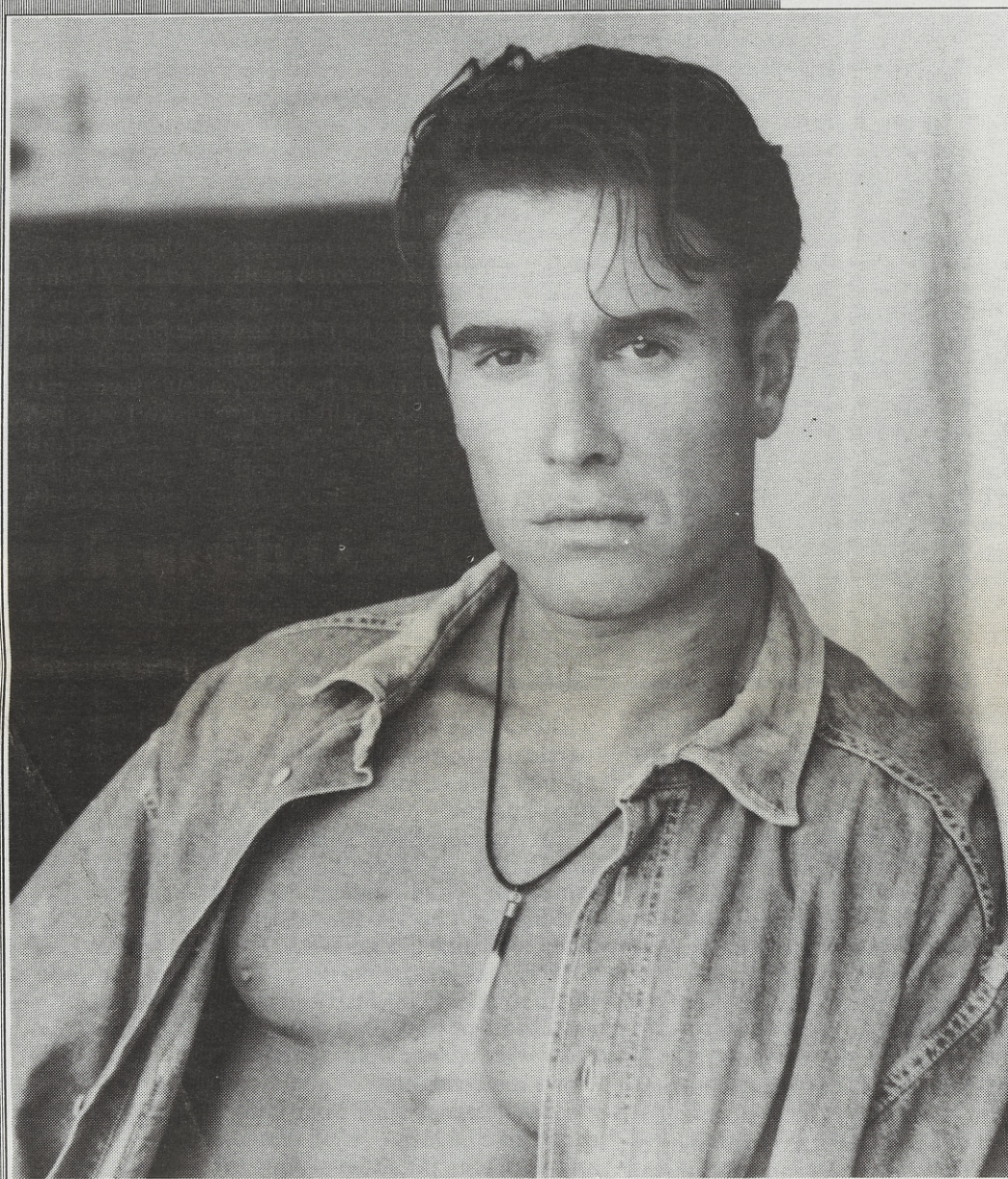
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Overpopulation ...

Task force update

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW Staff

The Joint City/County Task Force on Pet Overpopulation submitted recommendations that both city and county are now acting on. Although the activist group, Fund for Animals and The Sacramento SPCA were holding out for a ban on breeding of dogs and cats, both city and county animal control do not have the funding nor the manpower to adequately enforce such a ban. In addition, many other groups such as The Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs and the Cat Fanciers of America felt that such a ban was misdirected, hitting those people who exhibit and compete with animals that must be in tact in order to be entered. In addition, we all felt that there were other ways of solving the problem, including education.

At last week's meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, a number of task force recommendations were adopted by County Animal Control and approved by the Board of Supervisors with other recommendations still being taken under advisement for consideration at a later date.

Among the recommendations that the Task Force felt strongly about was the need to alter animals prior to adoption. This would mean that no dog or cat would be released from any shelter, without being neutered, some as early as eight weeks of age, which while not commonly done by veterinarians, has been tested and is a perfectly safe procedure and in many cases, much less traumatic than waiting until an animal is six months. This would guarantee that these animals, usually mixed breeds, could not have accidental litters.

On the purebred front among members of the dog fancy, those of us who produce puppies because we have requests for them, have homes waiting, are looking for show prospects, we are reexamining our goals and ethics. Many are cutting back drastically on

litters. Most of us operate under the code of ethics of our breed or parent club and therefore, we have been selling our pet quality puppies on neuter agreements anyway. Overall, we take responsibility for the puppies that we produce, and operate rescue to help any members of the breed that may be homeless in order to keep them out of the shelter system.

This leaves all those people who either breed for cash crops because they have an AKC registered and therefore are under the assumption that it guarantees quality or because they don't know anything about the breeding cycle of a dog and end up with accidental litters. The paper is full of ads each week. Most reputable breeders advertise via their clubs or a network and do not advertise in the paper. These are the people that we need to educate and this is the reason for the campaign of ads that you will be seeing over the next months. Think twice before adding to the pet overpopulation problem.

In order to assist city and county animal control in their efforts, volunteer programs are being mounted. As applications are ready for distribution, I will list numbers to contact. What will be needed are people willing to work a couple of half days a month to assist in recovery of lost animals, follow-up on neutering, assisting with adoption counseling. In many cases help such as walking dogs, bathing, grooming on order to make them more adoptable, will be very valuable assistance.

There is also some question about the number of animals that are surrendered to animal control for euthanizing because of old age. It is important that owners take responsibility for these animals by taking them to their own veterinarians. Any dog or cat that is euthanized becomes part of the statistical pattern ... it is now a number and we don't know the reason. The other possibility is that

animal control can start charging for this service. However, if I have a faithful old friend that is ready to go, I want to hold it while it goes to sleep. I can't imagine allowing a pet to die all alone.

Another source of animals euthanized at the shelters are those that are lost. Education in responsible pet ownership may reach people that don't know that pets need to be confined in this day and age. The streets are not safe, the pets are not streetwise and we are the caretakers of those animals that we take into our homes and our lives. Make sure that pets have an escape-proof yard and that their needs are taken care of.

Behavior problems constitute one of the major reasons that pets are relinquished ... share with others the fact that trainers, consultants in pet behavior are available to assist in these type of problems. Begin training early and advise people prior to obtaining a pet that training is essential in order to have a pet that can be lived with. Otherwise, the pet falls into that category of abandoned pets that may or may not get adopted from a shelter. Here those with training skills can offer to help with simple training activities such as teaching dogs to walk on leash or correcting the jumping problems.

We all will have an opportunity to give of our time and talents to make life a bit better for those pets in shelters ... and our volunteer efforts can mean that a pet finds its way into a perfect home.

The thing is ... IF the number of animals euthanized is not drastically cut, there is still a chance that the Board of Supervisors may someday entertain a proposal to enact a breeding ban. Let's all make sure that does not happen. GET INVOLVED AND BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM.

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Workshop on How to Groom & Bathe your Dog, Saturday, February 20, 4:30-7:30pm, The Dog wash, 6241-2 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, 488-2284, \$20 which includes a certificate for a free bath. Please do not bring your dog!!

The Bay Area Canine Rescue will host a seminar on that subject on Saturday, March 6 from 4-7pm at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Bradshaw and Hwy. 50 ... Call Joan at 485-2201 for information.

March 7 is the Annual Breed Showcase sponsored by Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs at premium pet on Greenback and Auburn from 10am-4pm. Some really special events are planned and it is a wonderful opportunity to see excellent specimen's of your favorite breed or breeds that you may have wondered about.

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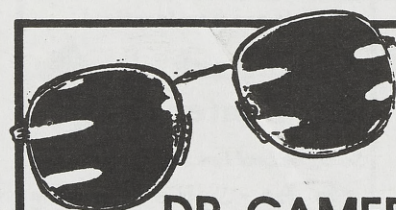
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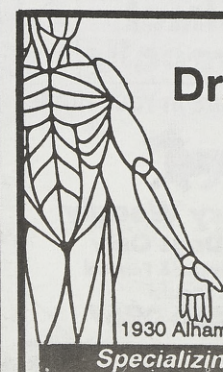


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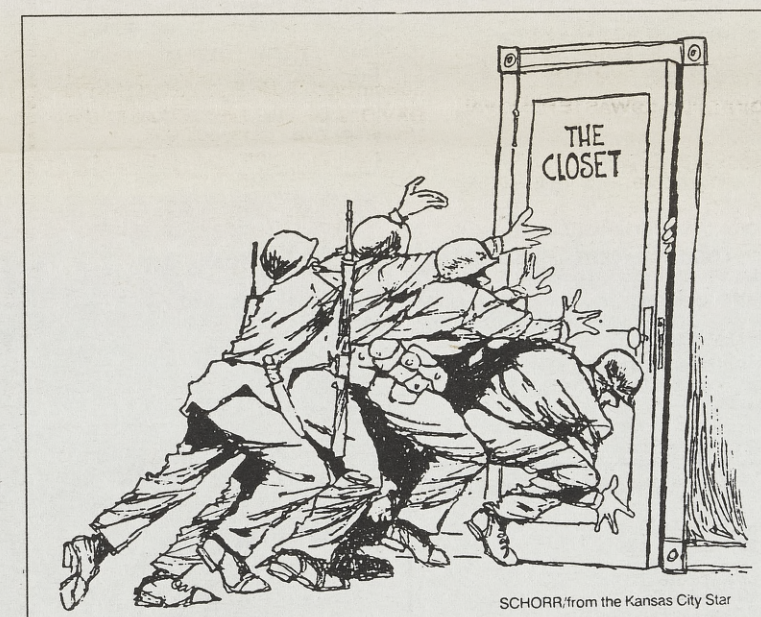
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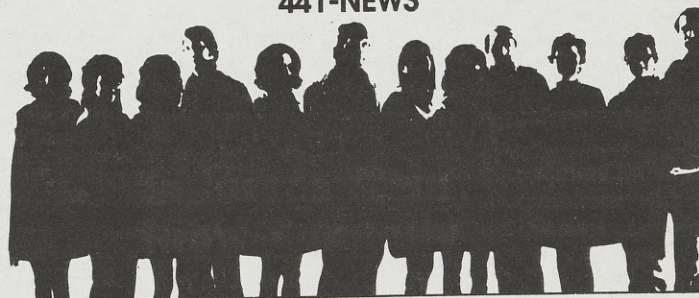
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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

15 - Monday

PRESIDENTS DAY - HOLIDAY
LIFE LOBBY, Superior N. Calif., Regional Meeting, 5:30pm, Lambda Center.
BLACK BUSINESS EXPO, Holiday Inn North-east, 8am-5pm, 739-0616.
TWIN SPIRITS MEETING, 7:30pm, Grand Ballroom, MCC, Joan Lewis 662-9478.
RCDC MEETING, 6:30pm, Sierra II, 2719 19th St.
WORRIED WELL Group for Seronegative People, 6:30, SAF 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

16 - Tuesday

P-FLAG meeting, 7:30pm, Narthex, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 665-1050.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30pm, City Council Chamber, City Hall, 2nd floor, 915 I St., 264-5704.
GOLDEN GATE BUSINESS ASSOC. Installation of Officers, 5:30pm, Splendido, 4 Embarcadero Center, S.F. (415) 441-3651.
HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/BI males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.
BEING GAY TODAY Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 10 pm.
MOMIX UCD Presents. 757-3199.
COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING With Joan Guertin. 6:30 6201 Florin Perkins Rd., SPCA. Reservations, 485-2201.

17 - Wednesday

FACULTY FLUTE RECITAL, Laurel Zucker w/Marc Shapiro, 8pm, \$3-\$5, CSUS Music Recital Hall, 278-6514.
VOLUNTEER TRAINING REGISTRATION DEADLINE, Yolo Hospice 20 hour intro to hospice care, Feb. 20, 23, 27, \$25, 758-5566, 800-491-7711.
LESBIAN & GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE, Carrow's Restaurant, 28th & J, 7pm, 641-8775.
LAMBDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEPTION, Open to the Public, 5:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185.
SAC COUNTY EMPLOYEES Gay/Lesbian Caucus, 484-5084.
GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 1 pm, B222 Sac. City College.
THE MOMMIES, Crest Theatre, 7pm, \$14, 442-7378.

18 - Thursday

BONNIE McNEELY & CHRISTOPHER WATSON DANCE COMPANIES, An Evening of Dance, thru Feb. 20, 8pm, Veterans Memorial Theatre, 14th & B Sts, Davis, \$10, 758-6391.
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS ORIENTATION MEETINGS, 6pm, 482-9300.

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 7pm, A20 Sac. City College.
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BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM, 2-5pm, Lambda Center.
WOMEN'S C/O GROUP, 6pm, Lambda Center.
CODA, 7:45pm, Lambda Center.

19 - Friday

YOUTH RAP GROUP, 5:45pm, Lambda Center.
CAFE LAMBDA, 8pm, Lambda Center.
SLCC NIGHT, 1989 Emmy Award Winning Movie: "Roe vs. Wade," 7pm, Pam, 687-7282.
HOME & GARDEN SHOW, Fri: 1-9pm, Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 10am-8pm, Cal Expo, 924-9934.
COUNTY/WESTERN DANCE, 7:30pm, MCC & 34th St. & Broadway.
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIDS, County Admin. Bldg., 700 H St., 7th floor conference room, 447-7063.

20 - Saturday

SANDRA HALDEMAN MARTZ, author of "When I Am an Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple," 6pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 442-4657.
TRAFFIC SCHOOL, 8am-4pm, Lambda Center.
YOUTH SOCIAL, 8pm, Lambda Center.
SAC MARDI GRAS PARADE, Capitol Park, 13th & O, 427-3908.
SAC MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL, Plaza Park, 13th & J, 264-5181, thru Feb. 21.
HOW TO GROOM & BATHE YOUR DOG WORKSHOP, 4:30pm, The Dog Wash, 6241-2 Fair Oaks, Blvd., Carmichael, 488-2284, \$20. Please do not bring your dog!
EL DORADO AIDS TASK FORCE, Champagne reception and open house, 1-5pm, 451 Main St., #9, RSVP 626-4882.
HANDS-ON RECORDING CLASS with June Millington, four sessions: Feb. 20/21 & 27/28, 12-6pm, IMA Bodega, (707) 876-3004.
SACRAMENTO TRAVEL FAIR, 1-5:30pm, Community Convention Center Exhibit Hall, 264-5181.
SACWN VALENTINE DANCE, Unitarian Church, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 8pm, \$12-\$20, 451-8034.
CHANTICLEER AUF DEUTSCH 8 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 920-1121.
GEORGE GOES TO MONTE CARLO, a benefit for IDEA Gallery, 3414 4th Ave., \$15 donation, 452-0949.
SAC. FRONT RUNNERS, 9am, meet East Side Guy West Bridge, 444-2835.
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21 - Sunday

CROCKER SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES, Donovan & Cavanagh, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 264-5423.
SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, 3pm, Community Center Theater, 363-9013 or 447-3542.
WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.
REGIONAL BUTTON SHOW, 10am-5pm, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 443-9413.
ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD, support group, 4pm, 758-0195 or 756-0277.
BAY AREA CANINE RESCUE, Evening with Roger Caras, 7:30pm, Sheraton Hotel, S.F. Airport, \$10, (408) 377-6851, (415) 591-9918.
RECITAL SERIES Pianists Pawel Skryzpek & Kate Mosicka, \$8, 3pm. Unitarian Universalist Society, 483-9283.

22 - Monday

COUNTRY WESTERN, SWING, LINE DANCE CLASSES, 4-week course, Beginners, 6:30pm, Intermediate 7:45pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, John Batchelor, 453-8991.
MEN'S C/O GROUP, 6:30pm, Lambda Center.
WOMEN'S RAP, 7:15pm, Lambda Center.
SURVIVOR'S ALLIANCE, 7pm, Lambda Center.
CARE/HIPP TRAINING, Calif. Assoc. of AIDS Agencies, Sac., 447-7199.
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS ORIENTATION MEETINGS, 6pm, 482-9300.
YOU'RE HIRED WORKSHOP, 6:28pm, WYCA, 17th & L, Sac., \$7, 442-4741, ext. 14.

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CODA, 7:45pm, Lambda Center.
LOS LOBOS CONCERT, CSUS South Gym, 8pm, \$15 night of show only.
MAKE CONTACT, Golden Gate Business Assoc., 7:30pm, 1655 N. Main St., #280, Walnut Creek, \$5-\$7.
BEGINNING ACTING CLASS, 2-part series 7pm, WYCA, 17th & L, Sac., \$15, 442-4741, ext. 14.

March On Washington Calendar

All Days
Historical Exhibit
Thursday April 22
Student Conferences
Chorus Festival
Masquerade Ball
Friday April 23
Chorus Festival
Rainbow Alliance Conference
MOW Black Tie Banquet
Drag Show Extravaganza
Parent Coalition Banquet
Saturday April 24
Wedding Ceremony of Commitment
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Part
Bi National Gathering
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
Motorcycle Run
S/M Leather Fetish Conference
Interfaith Service
MSU/GALA Reunion
Purple Circuit Reception
National AIDS Minority
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Bands of America Concert
Time to Shine Day of Healing for PWAs
Sunday April 25
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YOUTH GROUP, 5:45pm, Lambda Center.
CAFE LAMBDA, 8pm, Lambda Center.

27 - Saturday

SAC. FRONT RUNNERS, 9am, meet East Side Guy West Bridge, 444-2835.
1ST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION, noon-5pm, Lambda Center.
YOUTH SOCIAL, 8pm, Lambda Center.
HOT AIR AFFAIR, Monterey County, (408) 649-6544, thru Feb. 28.
11TH ANNUAL CLAM CHOWDER COOKOFF, 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, Stonewall Alliance of Chico, 9am-5pm, 820 West 7th St., 893-3338.

GLOBAL meeting, Feb. 26-28, New Orleans Clarion, (510) 652-1946.

28 - Sunday

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, planning meeting, 487-3124.
FREE WORKSHOP, ABCs of Money Management, 2pm, Lambda Center.
WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.
ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD, support group, 4pm, 758-0195 or 756-0277.
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY, Stockton, (209) 465-4265.
ARTALK, breakfast seminar with Eleanor Dickinson, "Women in Art," Limited seating, \$10-\$20 inc. continental breakfast, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., 448-8723.

GALLERIES

ARC Art Gallery, 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8433.
Archival Framing Gallery, "Under the Elbow," by Terence Baxter, thru Feb. 26. 1729 L St., 444-9624.
Big Art, Watercolors by Lynn Guenard, Acrylics & watercolors by Flo Fahrenhist, thru March 12. 1928 L St., 446-2740.
Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423.
"Sac High Art" thru Mar 8, "Tesoros de la Tierra" thru Mar 7, "En el Ojo de Ollin" Jan 22 - Apr 4.
Gallery SoToDo, The 4th Bidermeier, 7pm, Feb. 25-28, Painting on Site, Feb. 26, 7pm, IDEA Gallery, 3414 4th Ave., 448-2136.
IDEA Gallery, "Femalines," Nancy Worthington, March 6-April 17, reception: Sat., March 6, 6pm, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949
John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938.
Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.
Kondos Art Gallery, SCC, 12th Ave & Freeport, 451-8815.
La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133.
Labyrinth Gallery, Menlo Macfarlane's "Turn of the Century Tour," thru March 31, reception: Sat., Feb. 20, 7-10pm, 916 24th St., 443-3906.
Lite Rail Gallery, Elizabeth Solomon, thru March 12, 922 12th St., 441-1013.
Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818.
Michael Himovitz Gallery, Eleanor Dickinson, drawings, Ike Eisenmann, drawings, M. Louise Stanley, new work, thru March 6. 1020 10th, 448-8723.
Muffins Etc., 1404 28th St. 452-1829.
Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Selections from the Collection: Artists' Book, thru March 25; Conrad Atkinson: Selected Works, thru March 12, UCD, 752-8500.
Paragary's Bar & Oven, Watercolors by Jill Figler, thru March 12, 28 & N St.
Pennisi's Cafe: Carolyn Cozad, Henriette Doglietto, Elizabeth Warren: Watercolors & Collages, thru March 6, 1030 J St., 446-6988.
SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St.
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, VISUAL AID - Artists for AIDS Relief - exhibition, til Feb. 27, 530 Bush St., #403, 94108, (415) 391-9663.
The Shenandoah Gallery, Carrie Markel, Mixed Media, Watercolors & Monoprints, Christian Wieser, Modern Serpentine Stone Sculptures, thru April 30, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455.
University Union Exhibit Lounge, Art from the Short Center, thru March 12, reception: March 10, 5-7pm, Watercolor by Janet Danzi, March 15-April 2, reception: March 31, 5-7pm, Paintings, drawings by Maria Winkler, April 12-April 30, reception: April 28, 5-7pm, 17th Annual Student Purchase Awards Show, May 3-May 29, reception/awards: May 12, 5-7pm, CSUS 6000 J St., 278-7250, 278-6595.
Where 2? "African Dream: Threads of Reality," features Be Herrera, Barbelta Lockart, James McKnight, Judy McCarthy, Claude Davis, Willie Marlowe, Feb. 7-Feb. 28, reception: Feb. 7, 1-5pm, 2331 J St., 448-1264.

THEATRE

CALL FOR TIMES, COSTS, ETC.

Actors Theater of S.F., "Raft of the Medusa," thru March 7, 553 Sutter St., S.F., (415) 296-9179.
ARC Theatre Arts, 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8234. "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern," Feb. 26 - Mar 6; "You Can't Take It With You," Apr 23 - May 1.
Carmichael Civic Theatre, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," Feb. 26-Mar 6, \$10, 5802 Robertson Ave., Carmichael, 489-6880, 483-2775.
Crest Theatre 1013 K St.
Davis Comic Opera Company, Veteran's Memorial Theatre, 14th & B Sts, Davis.
Foothill theatre Company, "Kiss Me Kate," March 5-April 3, preview: March 4, "Blue Window," May 7-May 29, preview: May 6, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," June 25-August 20, preview: June 24, "Quilters," July 16-Sept. 4, preview: July 15, "The Cherry Orchard," Sept. 24-Oct. 16, preview: Sept. 23, "Lend Me A Tenor," Nov. 12-Dec. 18, preview: Nov. 11, Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959, (916) 265-TKTS.
Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, Arsenic & Old Lace, thru March 7; Nunsense, March 12-May 16; Toby's Rescue From The Planet, March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10; Corpse, May 21-July 3; Murder at the Vicarage, July 9-Sept. 19; Goodbye Charlie, Sept. 24-Nov. 21; A Christmas Carol, Nov. 26-Dec. 29, 12401 Folsom Blvd., 985-6361
Lambda Players WYCA Theatre, 1122 17th St., 442-7752.
Lines Contemporary Ballet, March 18-28, Cowell Theatre, fort Mason, S.F., \$15-\$25, (415) 281-8383.

Music Circus Broadway Series, "Baby," February 16 thru April 11, Community Convention Center Theater, 14th & L Sts.; 264-5181.
The Sacramento Ballet "Carmina Burana" Feb. 11 - 14, "Cinderella" Apr 8 - 11.
SAC City Actors Theater, 3835 Freeport, 558-2228. "The Amen Corner," March 5-April 3.
Sacramento Theater Co., Sacramento Theater Company's Classical Rep (Twelfth Night/Electra) thru March 7, \$12-\$22, 1419 H St., 443-6722.
Steve Silver Productions, Beach Blanket Babylon, Weds.-Sun, beg. Feb. 3, 678 Club Fugazi, 678 Green St., S.F., \$17-\$40, (415) 421-4222.
The Show Below, "A Man For All Seasons," Jan. 15-Feb. 20, \$13, 22nd & L St., 446-2787.
Studio Theate 127-a Bank St, Grass Valley 273-2730.
Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079.umping the Broom" Feb 11-28. "Living on Salvation Street" Mar 27 - May 1. "Coconut" Jun 3-26.
Tribad Productions, Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma 707-545-9806.
University Theatre, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6368. "Boys From Syracuse" Mar. 5 -21. "Waiting For Godot" Mar 25 - Apr 3, "Metropolis" Apr 23-May 9, "Mighty Gents" May 6 - 16,

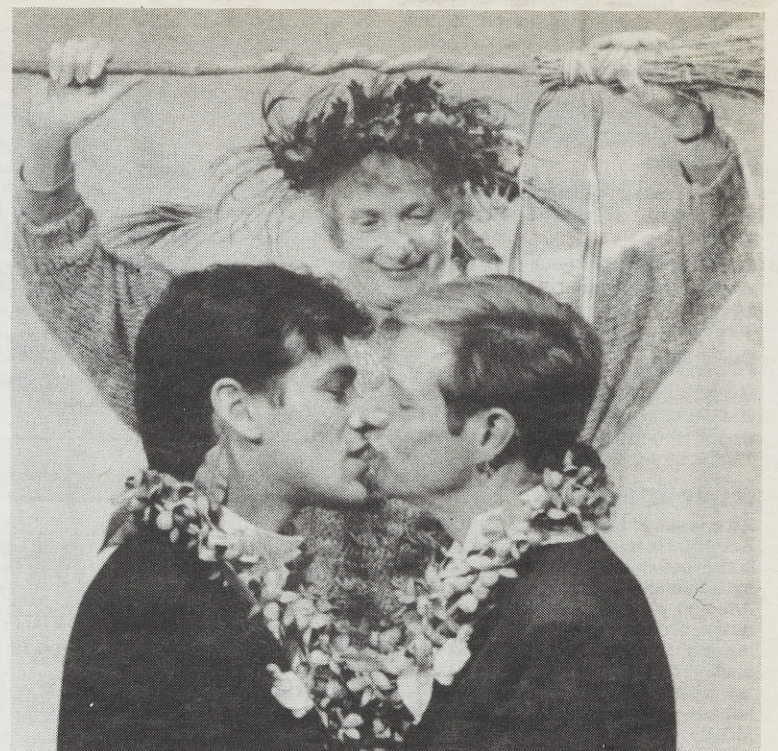


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